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1. Alfons Weber of the firm of Egon Von Tersch & Co., Vienna III, Strohgassee 22, recently made the following offer on behalf of USIA:
- a. 10,000 tons war booty scrap, 150 x 50 cm., over 3 mm. thickness. Metal is for delivery in Vienna at \$30.00 or 118 Swiss francs per metric ton. Freight to Trieste is quoted at \$13 per ton.
 - b. 5,000 tons heavy scrap, over 5 mm. thick, cut for furnace, priced at \$30.00 per ton f.o.b. Bizerte; the metal is now stored in North Africa.
 - c. 55,000 tons ship scrap, cut for furnace, priced at \$28.50 per ton.
2. Weber also stated that USIA has 1,000,000 tons of scrap iron available for sale in the Soviet Zone of Germany; no price was quoted on this material. Weber further indicated that USIA has thirty Type R-42 new locomotives for sale in Vienna at \$85,000 each.

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